

# Fixed target muon experiments for dark sectors

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# Outline

Motivation: g-2 and dark matter

Light new physics g-2 program

X to  $e\bar{e}, \gamma\gamma$

X to Invisible

X to  $\mu\mu$

<https://indico.fnal.gov/event/48936>

## Discovering the new physics of g-2 with fixed target muon facilities at Fermilab

Tuesday Jun 22, 2021, 12:00 PM → 5:00 PM US/Central

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### Introduction

[Introductory slides](#)

### Theory motivations

Speaker: Gordan Krnjaic (Fermilab)

[MiniMuWorkshop.pdf](#)

### Theory phenomenology

Speaker: Brian Batell (University of Pittsburgh)

[Batell-muon-pheno...](#)

### Muon beam options at Fermilab Accelerator Facility and discussion

Speaker: Nhan Tran (FNAL)

[muon-beams-nt.pdf](#)

### (Minimal) M<sup>\*3</sup>

Speaker: Cristina Ana Mantilla Suarez (FNAL)

[CMS\\_M3\\_Jun22.pdf](#)

### Muon beam dumps at muon campus

Speaker: Yiming Zhong (Boston University)

[muon\\_beam\\_dump...](#)

### DarkQuest

Speaker: David Sperka

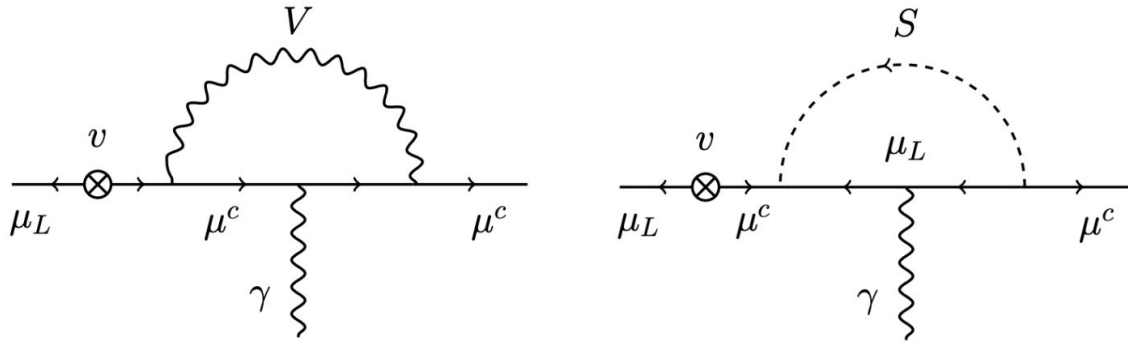
[DarkQuest\\_g2works...](#)

### M<sup>\*3</sup> in SpinQuest

Speaker: Philip Harris (MIT)

[PCH\\_DQforM3\\_14...](#)

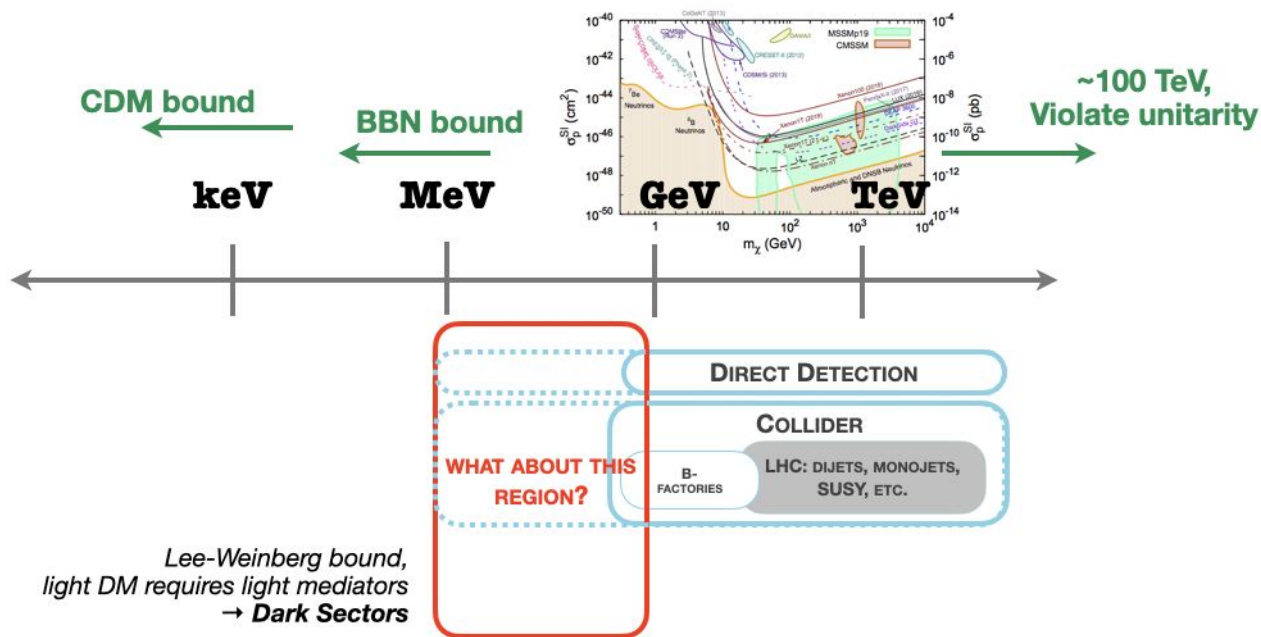
# Motivation: light new physics for $g-2$



If it contributes to  $g-2$ , it couples to the muon!

# Thermal dark matter & accelerators

See for example, [DOE Dark Matter New Initiatives Report](#)

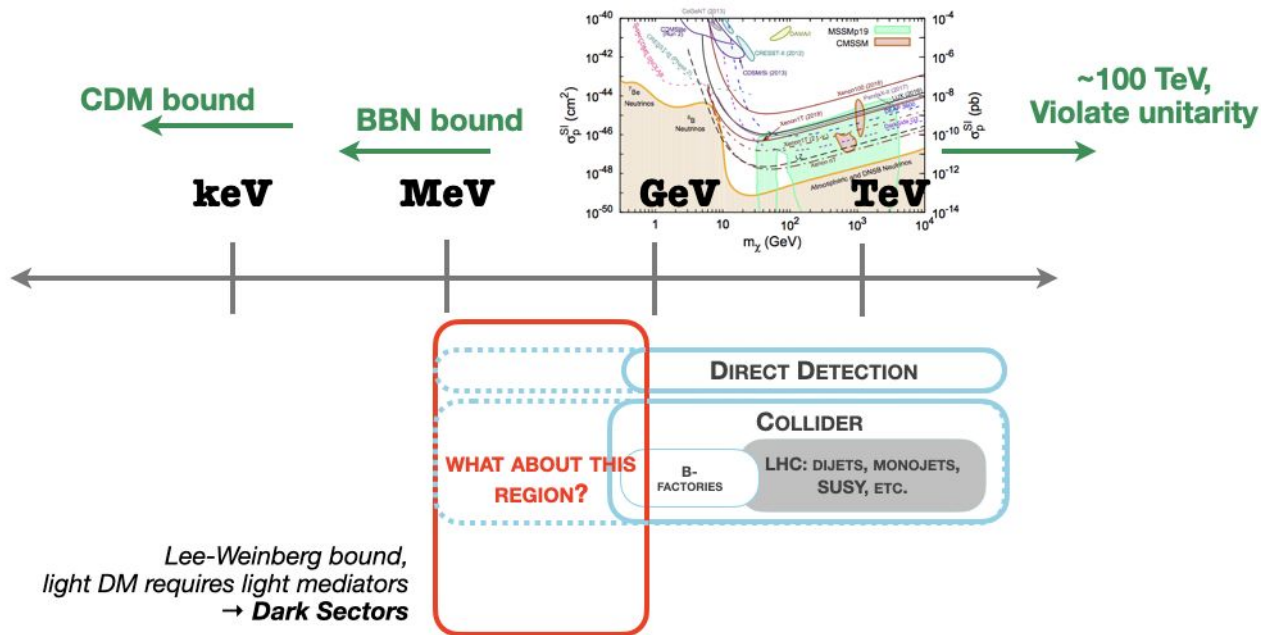


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RF Accelerator DM agora  
in planning!

# A No-Lose Theorem for Discovering the New Physics of $(g - 2)_\mu$ at Muon Colliders

Rodolfo Capdevilla, David Curtin, Yonatan Kahn, Gordan Krnjaic

[arXiv:2101.10334](https://arxiv.org/abs/2101.10334)

## 1. Present day confirmation:

Assume the  $(g - 2)_\mu$  anomaly is real.

## 2. Discover or falsify low-scale Singlet Scenarios $\lesssim$ GeV:

If Singlet Scenarios with BSM masses below  $\sim$  GeV generate the required  $\Delta a_\mu^{\text{obs}}$  contribution [38], multiple fixed-target and  $B$ -factory experiments are projected to discover new physics in the coming decade [39, 66–73].

## 3. Discover or falsify all Singlet Scenarios $\lesssim$ TeV:

If fixed-target experiments do not discover new BSM singlets that account for  $\Delta a_\mu^{\text{obs}}$ , a 3 TeV muon collider with  $1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  would be guaranteed to directly discover these singlets if they are heavier than  $\sim 10 \text{ GeV}$ .

Even a lower-energy machine can be useful: a 215 GeV muon collider with  $0.4 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  could directly observe singlets as light as 2 GeV under the conservative assumptions of our inclusive analysis, while indirectly observing the effects of the singlets for all allowed masses via Bhabha scattering.

*...Steps 4-5 are related to muon colliders...*

# Motivation for $g-2$ and dark sectors

Light solutions possible for  $g-2$

**Muon beams** are needed to explore light solutions to  $g-2$

Muon beams could also provide window to light dark sectors

Light solutions to  $g-2$  could be related to light dark sectors

# Physics program for light solutions for g-2

Credit: Brian Batell

	Invisible			Visible			
final state/ mediator	Long-lived	neutrinos $\nu\nu$	DM $XX$	photons $\gamma\gamma$	electrons $e^+e^-$	muons $\mu^+\mu^-$	hadrons $\pi\pi, \dots$
vector	no(?)	yes	yes	no	no(?)	yes* ( $m_V > 2m_\mu$ )	no(?)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>L_\mu - L_\tau</math> gauge boson: UV complete, automatic coupling to neutrinos, easy to couple to DM. (* <math>m_V &gt; 2m_\mu</math> constrained by dedicated BABAR search)</li> <li>Challenging to build viable models with sizable couplings of vector mediator to electrons or hadrons (gauge anomalies, constraints from neutrino physics)</li> </ul>						
scalar	yes ( $m_S < 2m_\mu$ )	yes	yes	yes ( $m_S < 2m_\mu$ )	yes ( $m_S < 2m_\mu$ )	yes ( $m_S > 2m_\mu$ )	yes ( $m_S > 2m_\pi$ )
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All minimal signatures can be realized in scalar simplified models.</li> <li>UV complete models require new SM-charged states above weak scale with special flavor structure (such states can in principle affect (g-2))</li> <li>More phenomenological studies needed to chart the parameter space</li> </ul>						
signature	missing momentum			prompt or displaced resonance			

## Legend:

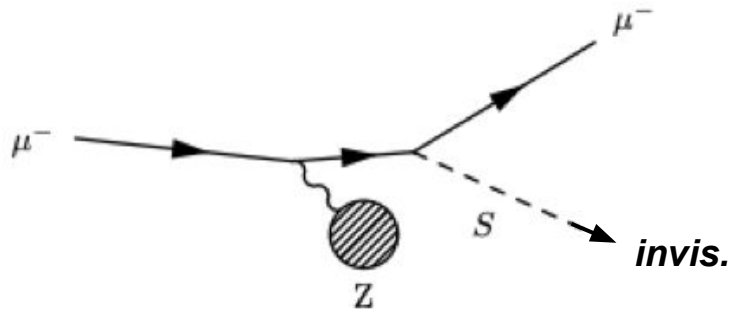
**Yes** = allowed and available phase space

**No (?)** = allowed, but you have to try hard to evade current bounds

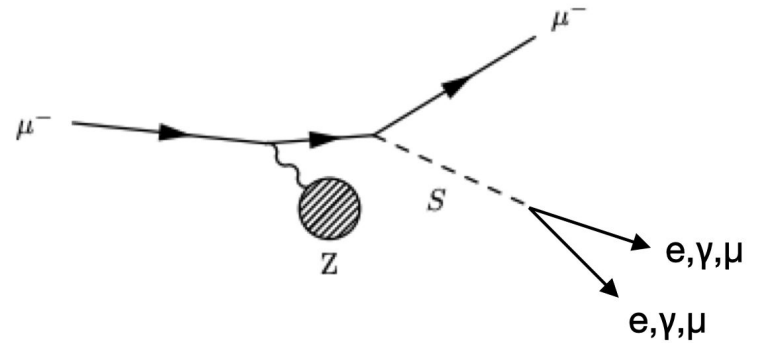
**No** = definitely not allowed



# Fixed-target signatures



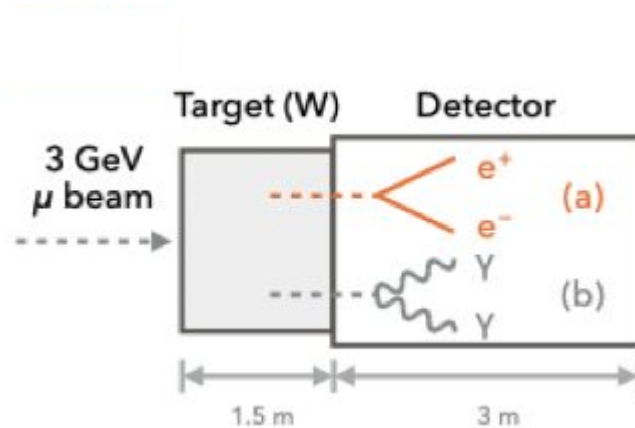
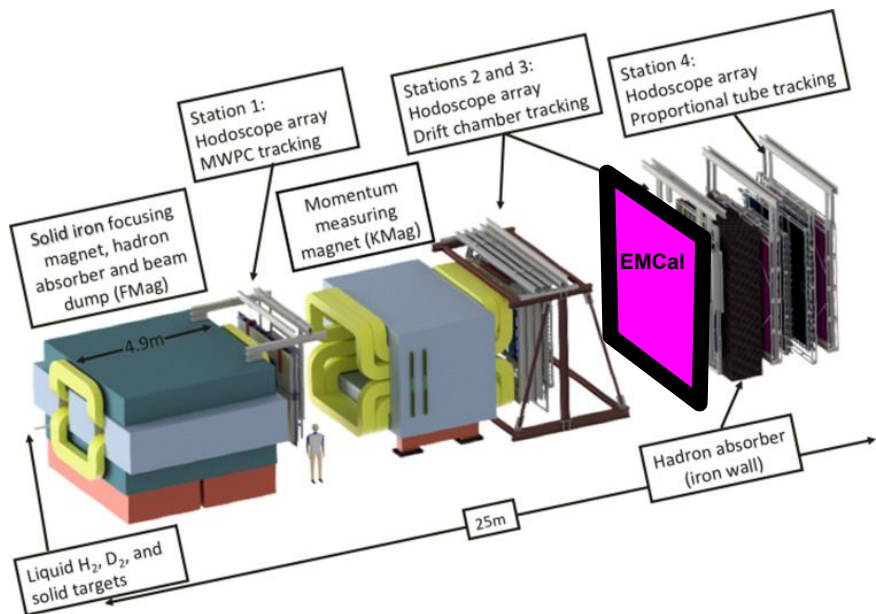
**Muon missing momentum**



**Muon fixed-target or beam dump**  
ee or  $\gamma\gamma$  are displaced  
 $\mu\mu$  is prompt

# Decaying to $ee, \gamma\gamma$ via loops

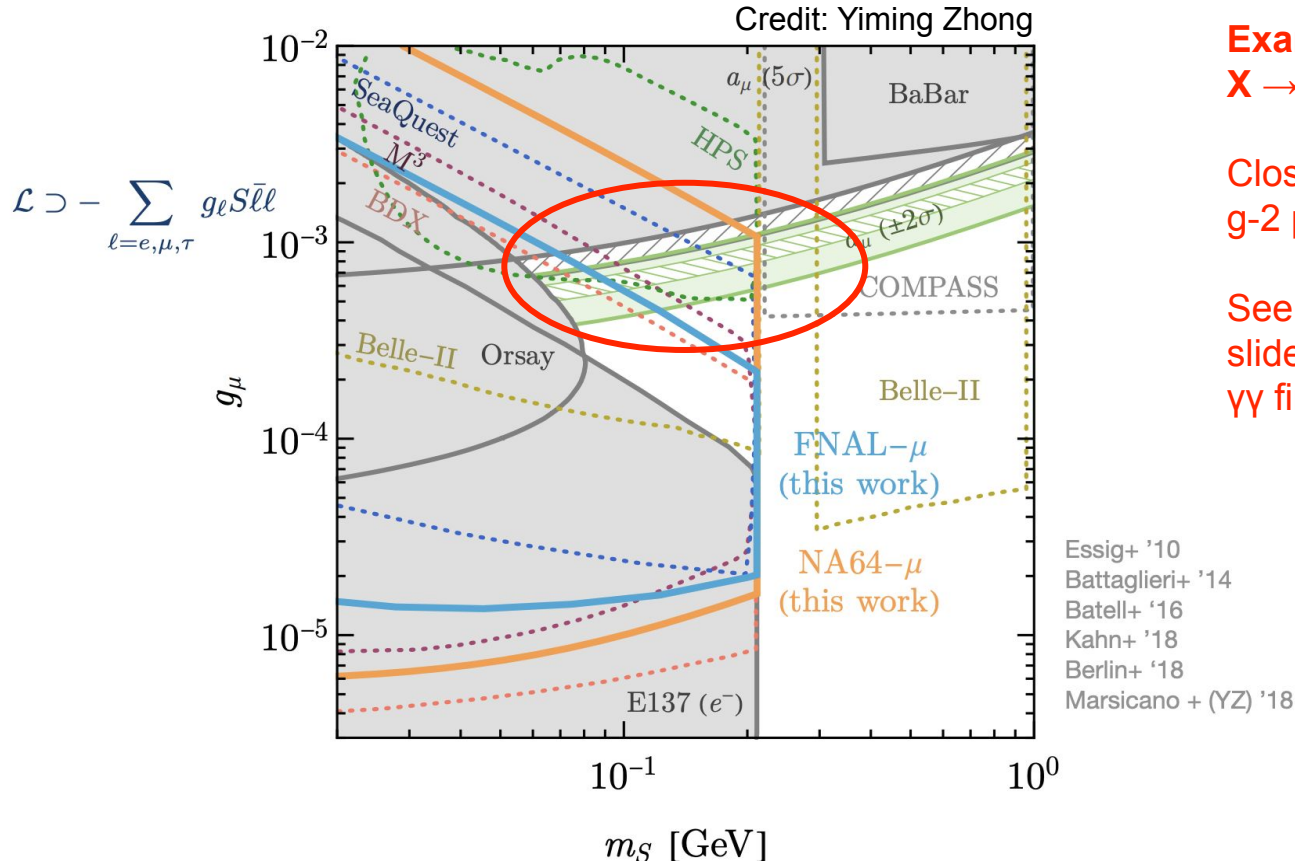
Berlin, Gori, Schuster, Toro, arXiv:1804.00661  
Blinov, Kowalczyk, Wynne, arXiv:2112.09814  
Chen, Pospelov, Zhong, arXiv:1701.07437



**DarkQuest - extension of SpinQuest with EMCal**  
 $\sim 1e18$  protons; secondary muon beam dump  
Fermilab 120 GeV Main Injector beam

**Dedicated 3 GeV muon beam dump**  
 $\sim 1e14 \mu^+$   
(at Fermilab muon campus)

# Decaying to $ee, \gamma\gamma$ via loops



**Example model**

**$X \rightarrow e^+e^-$**

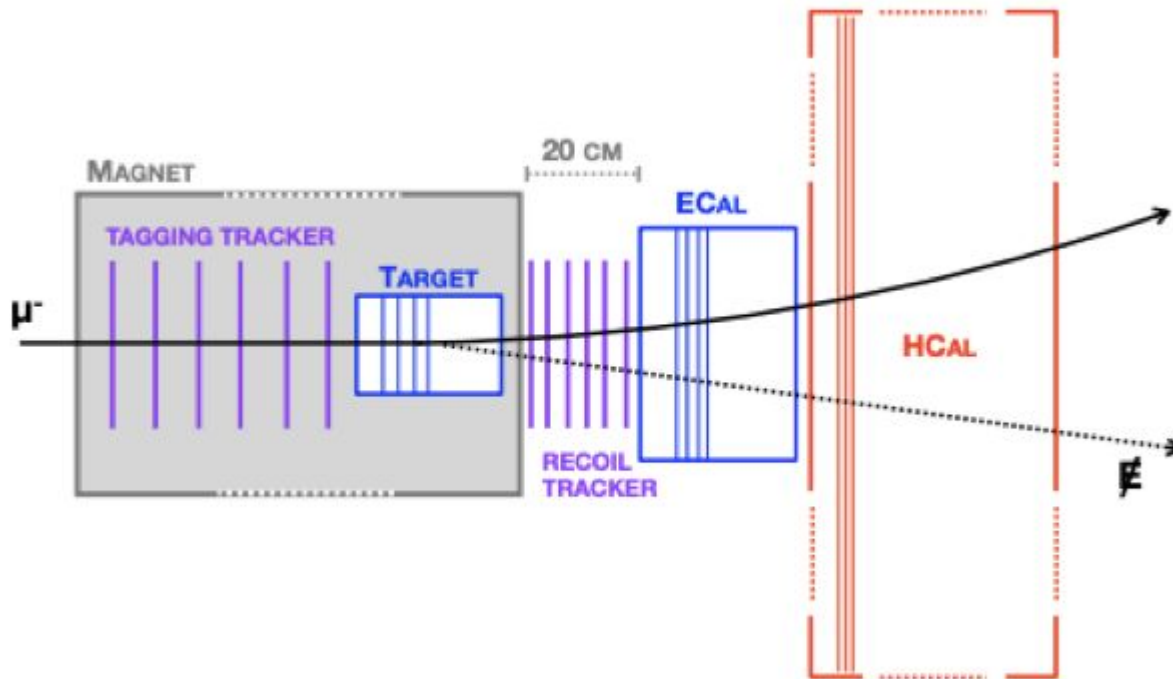
Closes off most of remaining  $g-2$  phase space below  $2m_\mu$

See references (previous slide) for similar sensitivity to  $\gamma\gamma$  final states as well

# Decaying invisibly

Kahn, Krnjaic, Tran, Whitbeck  
arXiv:1804.03144

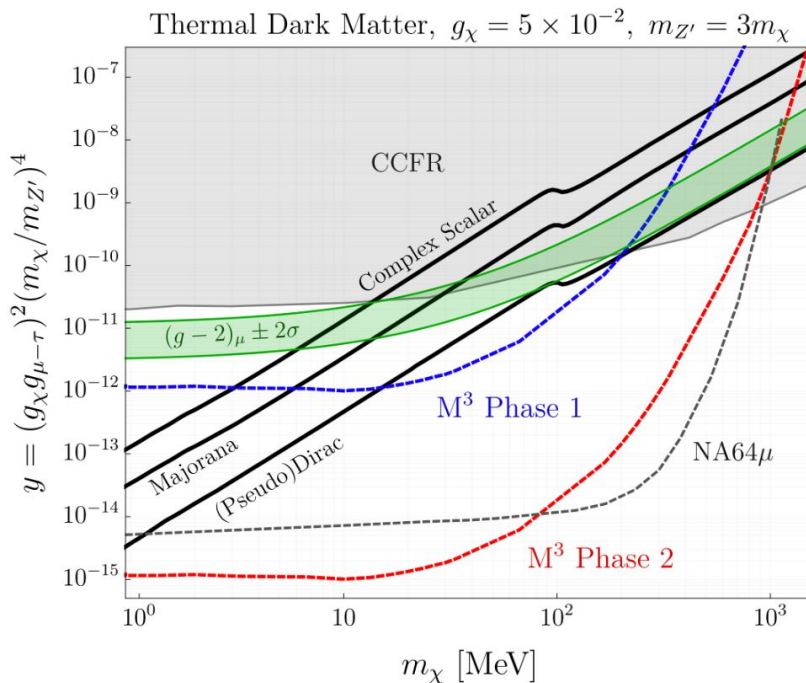
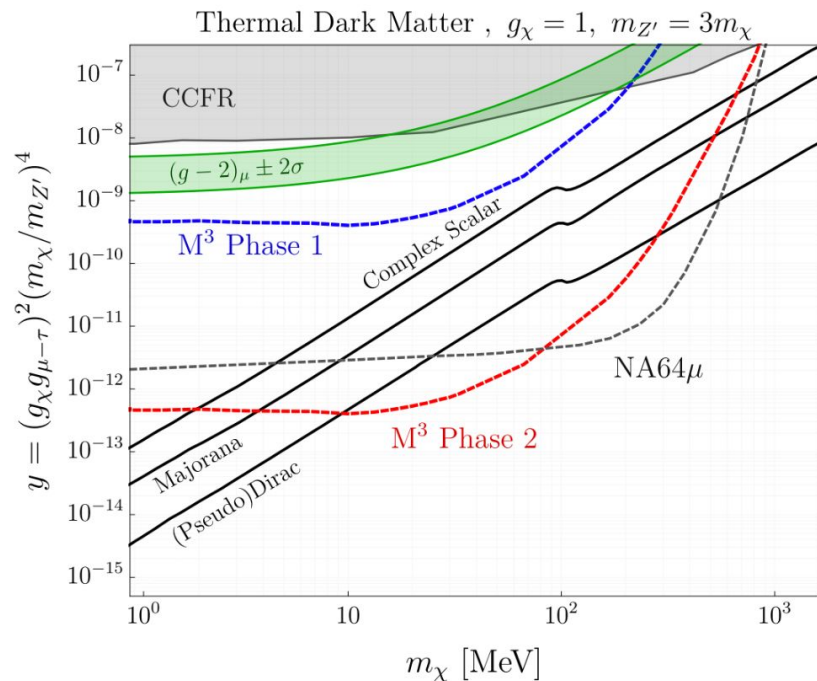
*~15 GeV muons,  
Need to individually  
reconstruct*



*outgoing muon  
loses >40% of  
momentum*

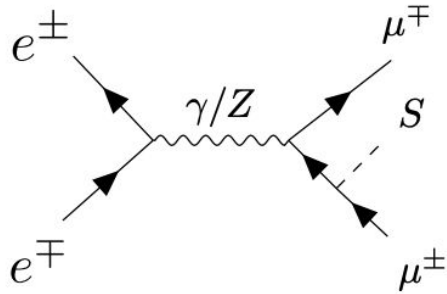
Phase 1:  $1e10$  Muons on Target, at FNAL test beam facility  
Phase 2:  $1e13$  Muons on Target, at FNAL NM 120 proton line

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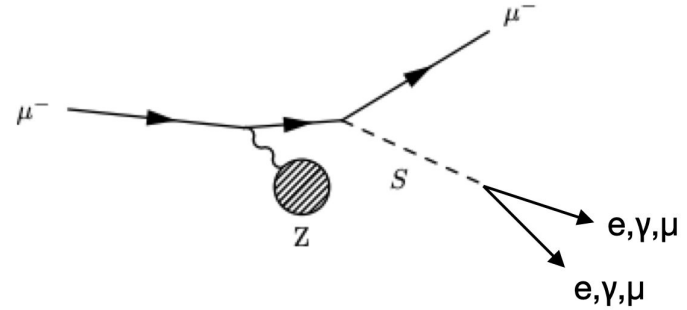


Left: larger couplings to dark matter,  $g_\chi$ , than the right plot  
 Right plot show scenario where  $g-2$  solution explains the dark matter relic density

# Decaying to $\mu\mu$



**B-factory searches for  $4\mu$**



**Fixed target prompt search difficult!  
(Maybe LArTPC?)**

Searches require very good invariant mass precision to avoid radiative backgrounds ( $\gamma^* \rightarrow \mu\mu$ )  $\sim O(\%)$  level

# Broader worldwide program

Prospects in the search for a new light  $Z'$  boson with the NA64 $\mu$  experiment at the CERN SPS

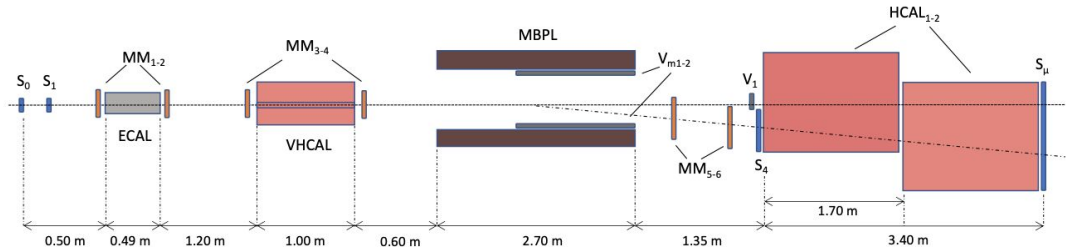
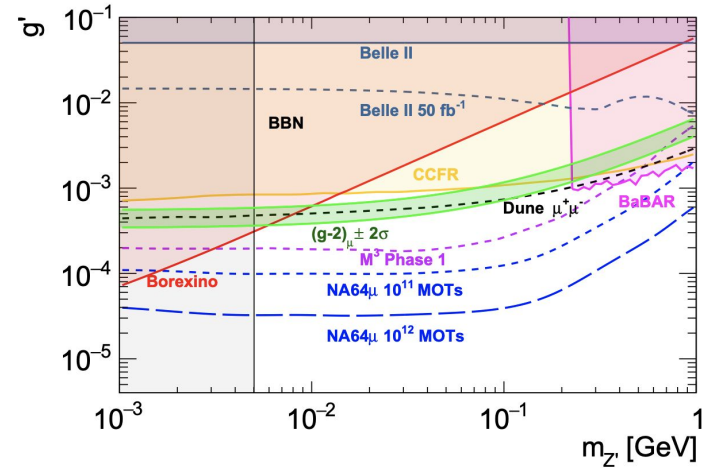
arXiv:2110.15111

- Missing momentum technique
- Pilot run planned in 2021

Rare Kaon experiments like NA62 potentially also sensitive in the missing momentum mode (arXiv:1902.07715)

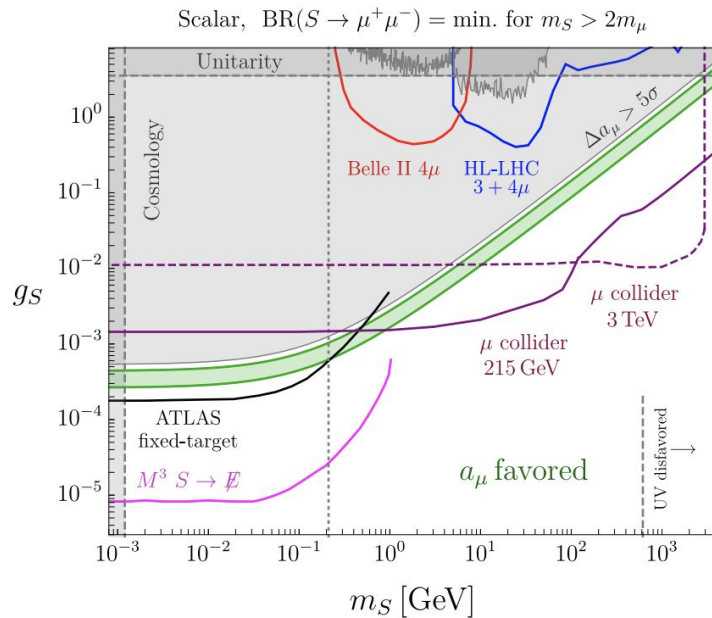
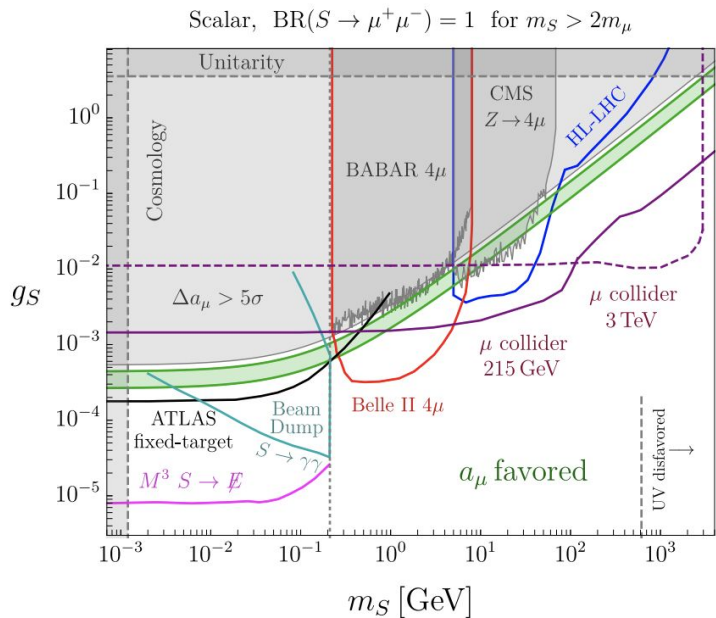
DUNE neutrino tridents have sensitivity as well in long term  
arXiv:1902.06765

ATLAS “muon missing momentum” searches (HL-LHC timeline)  
arXiv:1906.09272



# Broader worldwide program

Capdevilla, Curtin, Kahn, Krnjaic  
arXiv:2112.08377



**Left: maximal coupling to muons**  
**Right: minimal coupling to muons**



# Outlook

## **There are light new physics solutions related to $g-2$**

Sub-GeV searches are near-term next step towards comprehensive  $g-2$  exploration

Potentially related to dark sectors

## **A program requires coverage of invisible decays and $ee, \mu\mu, \gamma\gamma$ final states**

Suite of complementary and modest planned and proposed experiments needed

**backup**

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